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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KANG ET AL.

Examiner

Heather D. Gibbs

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7-9 and 32-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 6 and 10-31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 September 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the motor to move the belt, and plurality of pulleys (Claims 5-6) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4,7-9,35-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Egashira et al (US 5,567,068).

Regarding claim 1, which is representative of claims 35-37, Egashira teaches a combined flat bed scanner/printer machine comprising: a moving body that is movable; a scan unit, moved by the moving body to scan a first paper; and a print unit, moved by the moving body to print on a second paper (4:12-14; 60-61; 5:5-8).

For claim 4, Egashira teaches wherein the scan unit and the print unit are mounted on the moving body (Fig 3).

For claim 7, Egashira teaches a connecting unit; wherein the print unit and the scan unit are selectively connected to each other by the connecting unit (Fig 3).

For claim 8, Egashira teaches a connecting unit; wherein the print unit is mounted on the moving body, and the scan unit is selectively mounted on the moving body by the connecting unit to scan the first paper (Fig 3).

For claim 9, Egashira teaches wherein the moving body does not move the scan unit during printing (5:1-4).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Egashira et al (US 5,567,068) in view of Ahn (US 6,519,047).

Egashira et al discloses the combined flat bed scanner/printer machine as discussed above.

Egashira does not disclose expressly wherein the print unit is an ink jet head or wherein scanning and printing occur simultaneously.

Ahn discloses wherein the print unit is an ink jet head and wherein scanning and printing occur simultaneously (5:57-67; 6:30-45).

Egashira & Ahn are combinable because they are from the same field of endeavor.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine Ahn with Egashira.

The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to simply the structure of Egashira.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Ahn with Egashira to obtain the invention as specified in claims 2-3.

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6. Claims 32-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Egashira et al (US 5,567,068) in view of Lopez et al (US 6,414,760).

Egashira discloses the combined flat bed scanner/printer machine as discussed above.

Egashira does not disclose expressly wherein the scan unit comprised a line scanner having a plurality of image sensors, which comprise charge-coupled devices or contact image sensors.

Lopez discloses wherein the scan unit comprised a line scanner having a plurality of image sensors, which comprise charge-coupled devices or contact image sensors (2:25-63).

Egashira & Lopez are combinable because they are from the same field of endeavor.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine Lopez with Egashira.

The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to have a choice of either CCD or CIS sensors.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Lopez with Egashira to obtain the invention as specified in claims 32-34.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 10-11,15-34 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

9. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are: There is no evidence to show where the scan unit is not mounted on the moving body.


Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hiroshi (JP 08-324804) Paper Sheet Processor.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Heather D. Gibbs whose telephone number is 571-272-7404. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thu 8AM-7PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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